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Photo: On November 23, 2023, the Nepal Engineering Services (NES) team, a third party, observed the implementation of the Murma Water Supply System (WSS) in Murma.

MONTHLY UPDATE – November 2023

OBJECTIVE I – INCREASED SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER AND WATER FOR PRODUCTIVE USES

- Detailed engineering surveys, designs, and drawings for 135 Water Supply Schemes (WSS) have been completed out of the planned 151 WSS. Additionally, detailed estimates and Bills of Quantity (BOQs) for 75 WSS have been completed, with 52 BOQs finalized in November.
- The detailed project report (DPR), source protection (SP) report, and environmental review report (ERR) for the Bistabada WSS scheme in Mugu have been completed and shared with the USAID Nepal Engineering Services (NES) Activity team. After receiving their feedback, revisions were made, and the final versions were completed. Furthermore, DPR and ERR reports for 16 other WSS schemes have been finalized, drawing guidance from the completed report.
- The assessment of proposals submitted for Indefinite Quantity Contracts (IQCs) related to construction has been completed. IQC holders have been selected, and efforts are underway to finalize the IQC agreements. Plans are also in progress to initiate the Request for Task Order Proposal (RFTOP) to select and finalize the construction subcontractor for Y3.
- The scope of work (SOW) to solicit expressions of interest from potential suppliers for non-local material supply and delivery to construction sites in Year 3 has been finalized. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on November 28, 2023, with the EOI submission deadline set for December 18, 2023.
- A detailed operational calendar for Capacity Development Activities for LGs has been prepared. The schedule for preparing training modules and materials has been agreed upon, and activities will be implemented according to the calendar. Four activities, comprising 15 events, are planned for delivery to LGs during Y3.
- The technical team discussed detailed training activities under the capacity development package for subcontractors. The intention is to prepare the training modules and materials before onboarding the subcontractor team.
- An event for Water Users and Sanitation Committee (WUSC) governance, planning, and management training is being conducted at Mohanyal Rural Municipality (RM). Two event proposals were prepared and approved to be conducted at Khatyad RM and Soru RM. So far, five events have been completed, and the remaining ten will be completed by January 2024.
- The Scope of Work (SoW) to hire a service provider to conduct training for Village Maintenance Workers (VMWs) has been finalized, with plans to announce publicly by the end of the month.
- The Social Behavior Change (SBC) Campaign Challenge inception report was received, revised, and submitted to the Home Office. The SBC Campaign Challenge baseline questions and research methodology have been finalized. The one-day Orientation event for the SBC Campaign Challenge was successfully completed by Himali Rural Youth Social Development Centre (HIRYSDEC).
- The Water Champion Community intervention implementation process document has been developed, with 12 possible communities for Water Champion Community interventions identified based on recommendations from the watershed team.
- The updated version of the Financial and Operational Sustainability Plan template has been finalized and is being used to improve and update the financial and operational sustainability plans of completed Y2 schemes.

- The Scope of Work (SoW) for the scoping study for Private Sector/Cooperative Water Supply Service Operating Modalities has been drafted and circulated to team members for review and input. The activity aims to complete this study by March 2024.
- An insurance scheme for the remaining nine water schemes from Y2 in Barahatal RM, Surkhet, is in process and expected to be completed by December 2023.
- The Karnali Water Challenge grant received an inception report from WindPower Nepal Pvt. Ltd on water-efficient fodder production technology for piloting in Tila Rural Municipality. This includes manufacturing and materials procurement for the metal stand and UV plastic for the hydroponics system. Additionally, ECEP provided inception and water quality test reports for two floating wetland sites. ECSP plans to visit Ojuwa Lake Tikapur-7, Kailali, for a feasibility study, including sample collection for water quality testing.

OBJECTIVE 2 – INCREASED SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO AND USE OF SANITATION THROUGH FECAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT

- Completed the engineering survey of the Dullu FSTP site, and the survey report has been submitted following the approved methodology developed earlier.
- The drafts conceptual design of the Dullu FSTP was prepared and submitted.
- Drafting of the Sanitation Status Report for Panchapuri, Chamunda Bindrasaini, and Chhayanath Rara municipalities is ongoing.
- Urban Park Limited has been selected for Environmental Scoping in Dullu Municipality. The kick-off meeting occurred on November 20, and discussions on the Statement of Work (SoW) were held with the technical team on November 22, 2023. Urban Park submitted an inception report on November 23, currently under review. The public notice will be published by the last week of November, with field visits and consultations scheduled for the first or second week of December.

OBJECTIVE 3 - STRENGTHENED GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE RESILIENT MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

- **Provincial Level WASH Bill:** A meeting was organized with the Ministry of Water Resource and Energy Development on November 2, 2023, to discuss the Provincial Level WASH bill. Thorough and detailed discussions were held on each provision outlined in the WASH Bill, with external invitees from Federation of Water and Sanitation Users Nepal (FEDWASUN), Helvetas, Sustainable WASH for All (SuSWA) project, providing feedback and suggestions. The provided suggestions and feedback were well incorporated into the WASH bill and subsequently resubmitted to the bill drafting committee for action.
- **Local Level WASH Bill:** Policy gap analysis has been completed in seven municipalities (Madhuwan, Lamkichuha, Panchdewal Binayak, Ramaroshan, Tikapur, Mohanyal, and Thandikanth). A WASH Bill has been drafted for five municipalities (Madhuwan, Lamkichuha, Panchdewal Binayak, Ramaroshan, and Thandikanth). Validation workshops were organized in two municipalities (Ramaroshan and Madhuwan) to share the drafted WASH bills with Local Government (LG) representatives, staff, and members of the executive council. The WASH bill

for Madhuwan is finalized and ready to be tabled in the upcoming executive council meeting for endorsement, while the WASH bill for Ramaroshan is under final review by the bill drafting committee.

- **National Water Use Master Plan (WUMP) Formulation:** A brief discussion meeting was held on the national WUMP guidelines formulation process and concluded with agreement to discuss the necessity of developing national WUMP guidelines in the upcoming PSC meeting.
- Developed steering committee procedural guidelines in Nepali language.

OBJECTIVE 4 -STRENGTHENED CONSERVATION OF WATER-RELATED WATERSHED BIODIVERSITY

- **Source Protection schemes:** Detailed engineering surveys and designs for all planned 50 source protection schemes were completed. A&E firms are preparing estimates, drawings, and DPR. All four A&E firms submitted Spring Source Protection reports, which were reviewed and provided feedback to A&E firms. The remaining spring source reports will be prepared accordingly.
- **Integrated watershed management plans (IWMP) preparation:** The Activity team provided feedback on the inception report submitted by Rupantaran Nepal. A meeting was conducted on Nov 3 along with IWMI. IWMI provided the report, re-aggregating hydrological modeling data required for IWMP. Rupantaran Nepal piloted municipality level consultation, community level focus group discussions (FGDs) and Key Informant Interviews (KII) in Barahatal, Panchapuri and Chaukune municipalities on November 21-22. Environmental net gain and loss, specifically for soil, water, and forest resources, has been discussed based on guiding checklists. The issues and impact on natural resources due to livelihood activities and infrastructure development, impact of climate change on local level, and possible interventions have been documented.
- **Spring Source Assessment (SSA) Data Integration on N-WASH:** The Activity and the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management (DWSSM) agreed to migrate SSA data into N-WASH MIS. The Activity is preparing to provide 11,841 SSA data to integrate into the N-WASH portal.

SUMMARY OF KEY MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

MEETING DATE(S)	SUMMARY OF MEETING NOTES
Nov 1, 2023	Sustainable Water and Sanitation for All (SuSWA) arranged a national workshop to finalize the Support Service Center (SSC) Guidance Manual—an important step towards advancing the nation's water and sanitation initiatives. The workshop convened key stakeholders, comprising representatives from non-governmental organizations across diverse sectors, international non-governmental organizations, mayors greeting from various municipalities, local authorities, the Ministry of Water Supply, the Ministry of Water Resources and Energy Development of Karnali Province, and the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management. Notable figures in attendance included the Honorable Minister [REDACTED], Special Guest [REDACTED], Chairperson [REDACTED], Director General of the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management (DG,

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DWSSM), and [REDACTED], Head of Cooperation at the Embassy of Finland. Their collective presence underscored the significance of the mission and a collective commitment to ensuring universal access to clean and sustainable drinking water.

This workshop, a collaborative effort between SuSWA and the Government of Nepal, explained the draft guidelines and elicited valuable feedback.

[REDACTED], WSSPSD and [REDACTED], Watershed Advisor, participated on behalf of USAID Karnali Water Activity.

Nov 3, 2023	A meeting between USAID Karnali Water Activity, International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and Rupantaran Nepal (vendor to develop IWMP) was held. IWMI committed to re-aggregate the data to utilize them in IWMP.
Nov 7, 2023	The Governance Manager attended a Citywide Inclusive Sanitation Alliance Nepal (CWISAN) meeting focused on the upcoming sanitation Conclave, the work plan 2024 and how to prioritize activities that align national goal achievement and CWIS guidelines.
Nov 7, 2023	A meeting between USAID Karnali Water Activity and Department of Water Supply and Sewerage Management (DWSSM) focused on how to migrate spring source assessment (SSA) data in NWASH-MIS portal. Chief of Party, WBCS and WUMP Manager presented SSA data and agreed to upload SSA data after providing the shape file.
Nov 7, 2023	DCOP attended a USAID implementing partners learning summit organized by USAID Learning for Development to establish a common understanding among implementing partners regarding GESI inclusiveness and reporting progress against indicators and identifying common pathways to reporting GESI inclusiveness among all USAID implementing partners. The Nepal Social Inclusiveness Survey (NSIS) 2018 provided evidence that can inform programs and plans. The next session focused on measuring inclusive development outcomes, with group work on current cross cutting indicators and possible changes that need to be made. From the GESI perspective, all the implementing partners need to revise existing disaggregation and report accordingly.

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8 Nov, 2023 A separate meeting with four Architecture & Engineering (A&E) firms reviewed the progress of the field survey, water supply schemes design and DPR and Environment Review Report (ERR) finalization. Considering the tight time schedule and need to start construction, a new timeline has been agreed for finalization of cost estimates and Detail Project Reports (DPRs). The design of all the schemes has been completed and cost estimates for some of the schemes is ongoing. Similarly, DPR and ERR reports from the Architecture & Engineering (A&E) firms have been submitted. Consequently, feedback and comments from the Activity side have also been provided promptly. Considering the large number of schemes to be completed, it was agreed to finalize all DPR and ERR reports. The A&E firms also agreed to submit a daily schedule for submitting cost estimates, DPRs and ERRs. Chief of Party, Deputy Chief of Party, Director of Operations, Supervisory Engineer, Grants and Procurement Manager interacted with the A&E team to review the progress and set the timeline for the completion of cost estimates and DPRs/ERRs.

Nov 8, 2023 The Communications Manager attended the End-of-Project Dissemination and Learning Sharing event of USAID's Suaahara II program and gained insights into organizing high-level dissemination events. The Minister of Health attended with other government officials and representatives from USAID Nepal. The event showcased the results through a gallery walk, publications folder, impact video story, and shared stories from project participants and LGs.

Nov 8, 2023 A meeting between USAID Karnali Water Activity and USAID Biodiversity (Jal Jangal), discussed Annual Work Plans and explored collaboration opportunities. Key points of collaboration include implementing green infrastructure, formulating an Integrated Watershed Management Plan, learning and sharing concerning Payment for Ecosystem Services, aligning policy work for watershed and biodiversity governance, promoting Social and Behavioral Change, coordinating with the private sector for Multi-Use of Water System, capacity building of local government, and sharing reports and learning documents.

Nov 4-10, 2023 The team participated in the WASH cluster meeting representing the USAID Karnali Water Activity. This regular meeting addresses the emergency situation in Karnali Province, particularly focusing on emergency support and updates related to the Jajarkot earthquake. The agenda included:

- Listing supportive agencies within Karnali Province engaged in emergency support for WASH-related activities.
- Decision-making regarding lead agencies responsible for emergency support at the field level in earthquake-affected areas: HELVETS for Jajarkot, SuSWA for Salyan, and UNICEF for Rukum West.

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Supporting the preparation of the WASH cluster for the Jajarkot earthquake snapshot, ensuring daily updates are streamlined online for effective communication and coordination.

Nov 10, 2023 Meeting with the USAID Nepal Engineering Services (NES) team. NES commended the Activity for outreach efforts to remote communities. The team noted some areas for improvement between design and construction implementation during site visits in Surkhet, Achham, and Kalikot districts. Recommendations included updating as-built drawings. The Activity team discussed project completion challenges, and NES communicated issues to facilitate resolution. The Activity team provided updates on ongoing and upcoming projects, with NES committing to prioritize the review of Detailed Project Reports for initiatives starting construction in January 2024.

Nov 26, 2023 Water Asia International (WAI) in coordination with Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest and Environment (MOITFE) organized a half day workshop to disseminate preliminary findings from the Salyan and Bajura pilots in the Climate Resilient Landscape and Livelihood Project (CRLLP). Watershed and Bio-diversity Conservation Specialist (WBCS) recommended spring-shed protection, research on climatic scenario development, payment for ecosystem services (PES), and innovative livelihood activities such as water efficient fodder production technology related activities to conserve watershed and catchments.

Nov 26, 2023 Perigee Informatics (vendor of USAID Biodiversity - Jal Jangal) in coordination with Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Forest and Environment (MOITFE), organized a half day workshop on Climate and Weather Information Stocktaking to collect data on the use of Climate and Weather Information (CWI). WBCS shared how to use data for decision making and planning to conserve biodiversity focusing on forest fires.

Nov 28, 2023 Monthly meeting with Contracting Officers Representative (COR) held to discuss on the progress and plan for Year 3. The meeting was participated by COP, DCOP, DOO, and Supervisory Engineer from the Activity side. Progress was presented on both the technical and operational side. A separate meeting note will be prepared and shared with the COR and home office.

CROSSCUTTING CONSIDERATIONS

MONITORING, EVALUATION, RESEARCH & LEARNING

- The MEL plan has been revised based on discussions and feedback from USAID Mission DQA conducted in September 2023. The plan has been revised in consultation with all technical and objective leads, with reference to USAID’s handbook on the three new indicators.
- Comments on the submitted Performance and Plan Report (PPR) into USAID’s DIS has been responded to. The comments were mainly around the addition of layers of disaggregates for indicators and keeping zero (0) in all sections where the Activity has no data to report.

- Developed an impactful short video, that combines major actions from the activity to ensure access to water in remote communities, with subtitles in English, to be disseminated at DAI's project Innovation conference in Jakarta between December 4-5.
- Bi-monthly newsletter and key highlights from the Y2 activities have been developed for team review, submission to the Home Office, and final approval from USAID.
- Uploaded Annual Report Y1 and Y2 into IBM-TAMIS, and updated indicators and their targets into IBM-TAMIS.
- DAICollect data in the month of November and their validation status are as below:

Activities	Total	Approved	On hold	Ongoing
WSS Completion data - Y3	143	11	86	46
Partner NGO Event Report	7	0	0	7
Detail Engineering Survey -Y3	873	754	9	110
Sanitation Situation Assessment-HHs	37	37	0	0
WUSC Record-Y3	23	9	0	14
Training Participant Record Y3	31	3	0	28

- The Watershed teams, including Watershed Advisors, Watershed Coordinators, and M&E and Communication Coordinators, participated in a two-day, in-house workshop at the Surkhet office from November 21-22. During the workshop, the team focused on developing a better understanding of Participatory Ethnographic Analysis (PEA) and revisited its methods and tools. Additionally, the team created a field assessment plan and data collection checklist for Local Governments (LGs), Water User and Sanitation Committees (WUSCs), and mother groups. On the second day, the team divided into three groups and conducted field practice in Panchapuri Rural Municipality. Reflecting on the learnings from the field experience, the team developed a Watershed-level field assessment plan to update PEA for Quarter 2.
- A learning framework and plan for the Activity's five learning questions were drafted and shared with the Home Office (HO) for review after orientation and discussion with the Activity team. The Biodiversity Manager, WUMP Manager, and GESI Advisor were mentored and guided on the preparation and drafting of technical/learning briefs for hydrological modeling (SWAT, WA++), WUMP, and GESI mainstreaming.

GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GESI)

- Reviewed the technical reports such as Environmental Review Report (ERR) and Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Inception report for the development of IWRMP with inputs to mainstream GESI (disaggregation of the population, accessibility considering children and disability, mandatory participation of the marginalized groups, safeguarding of the vulnerable populations during the construction).
- Reviewed the SoW for the baseline survey of the SBC Challenge Communities with GESI perspectives and input provided in the baseline questionnaires adding specific questionnaires on menstruation hygiene management and engagement of men and boys in the domestic workload sharing.

- GESI sessions developed for the two days OWSC Orientation to be held from the first week of December. The session mainly focuses on the need of gender and social inclusion in the IWRMP process.
- LG level GESI training was modified to include governance and Institutional Capacity Assessment (ICA). The training materials are in the process of redevelopment and revision.
- For the selection of the water champion communities for the extensive SBC interventions, one of the selection criteria is women led WUSC. So, among the two communities selected in Rara, one, named Bistabada MUS scheme, is led by women.
- Two community consultation meetings were held in Lamkichuwa municipality for the WASH Bill drafting. *Dalit*, *Badi* and *Janajati* communities were involved to obtain their feedback in the formulation of the new WASH Act in Lamkichuha Municipality. Also, the Activity consulted with the members of the WUSC and children’s clubs to capture their voices.

OPERATIONS

Personnel

The tables below present the status of staff recruited, onboarded, and resigned during this month and positions under recruitment.

LTTA STAFF – ONBOARDED				
SN	NAME	POSITION	OFFICE LOCATION	START DATE
1	[REDACTED]	Finance Assistant	Surkhet	November 1, 2023

LTTA STAFF – RESIGNED				
SN	NAME	POSITION	OFFICE LOCATION	Effective DATE
1	[REDACTED]	Watershed Engineer	Lower Karnali Watershed	December 15, 2023
2	[REDACTED]	Governance and Law Advisor	Surkhet	December 15, 2023

STATUS OF POSITIONS UNDER RECRUITMENT			
SN	POSITION, LOCATION	STATUS	TARGET START DATE
LTTA			
1	Finance Officer (Kathmandu)	Vacancy posted with the timeline 15 October 2023, 198 Applications received, Evaluation in progress.	Last week of December 2023
2	Water Supply and Sanitation Sub Engineers (9 Positions)	The Written test and interview have been completed. The top 9 candidates were	December 18, 2023

		identified. EBD collection and Reference check are in progress.	
3	GESI Director (Kathmandu)	Out of 37 applicants, 6 candidates were invited for the Presentation and Interview session on 8 and 10 Nov. EBD collection in progress with identified top candidate.	January 1, 2024

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I	Technical Editor	The Scope of Work (SoW) was finalized, and the vacancy was posted on 18 October 2023 with an application timeline of November 5, 2023. 3 candidates are shortlisted for further evaluation process.	December 15, 2023
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Other

I	Annual Training on Countering Trafficking in Persons (TIP) held on November 21, 2023.		
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Procurement

Major procurements for the month of November 2023:

- Awarded Task Order #6 for Detailed Technical Survey, Design and DPR of Dullu FSTP to 500 B under IQC contract with effective from November 16, 2023.
- Awarded a Purchase Order to Urban Park for Scoping Study for Construction of a new Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) in Dullu municipality, effective November 2023.
- Subcontract modification for reduction in cost of Niyatra (subcontractor for Tila Karnali DPR service) and Strength (subcontractor of Middle Karnali DPR Service) has been approved, effective November 16, 2023.
- Modified Rupantaran Nepal's Purchase Order for IWMP related to four watersheds, extending the performance period until February 15, 2023.
- Awarded an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) to six (6) subcontractors for the construction, management, and institutional support of Water Supply Schemes in the Rara, Tila, Middle, and Lower Karnali Watershed.
- Re-advertised the Request for Proposals (RFP) on November 8, 2023, for the construction, management, and institutional support of Water Supply Schemes in Kalikot District (Package -3 - Suvakalika, Khadachakra, Naraharinath). A total of five (5) proposals were received within the submission deadline and are currently under evaluation.

Grants

Grant status for the month of November 2023:

Grant No.	Grantee	Grant Title	Amount (USD)	Status / Remarks
G-KAT-002	WindPower Nepal Pvt. Ltd.	Water-efficient Fodder production technology to enhance livelihood of climate vulnerable communities	████████	Milestone I report submitted and approved for payment.
G-KAT-003	Executive Consulting Engineering and Planner Pvt. Ltd. (ECEP)	Floating Wetland – A Solution to Karnali Water Challenge	████████	Milestone, I report submitted and under technical review.
G-KAT-004	Himali Rural Youth Social Development Center (HIRYSDEC)	Promoting Water Secure and Dignified Menstrual Hygiene Friendly Behavior	████████	Grant Agreement has been modified on 30 October 2023 with change in proposed location of activities implementation. Milestone, I report submitted and under technical review.

Financial Performance

- Received VAT refund amounting to NPR ██████████ from the Inland Revenue Office (IRO) for the period April to June 2023 out of the total claim of NPR ██████████. DAI will resubmit the rejected invoices in the upcoming quarter.
- The team is processing a VAT refund amounting to NPR ██████████/- tentatively US\$ ██████████ covering the period from July to September 2023. The submission of this request to the Inland Revenue Office is expected to take place by November 2023.
- External audit for DAI Global LLC for fiscal year 2079/2080 (July 15, 2022, to July 16, 2023) is in progress. The financial statement and labor audit report have been finalized and shared with the auditors.
- Completed the business renewal procedure in the local ward office for the fiscal year 2080.81.

CHALLENGES/CONSTRAINTS

- At the Dullu FSTP site, there is a pressing need for the construction of 100 meters of road to establish a connection between the site and the nearest motorable road. To ensure the effective implementation, the municipality should also speed up the process of stakeholder consultation to move ahead.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

Technical

- Complete the final monitoring of WSS scheme sites on request from WUSC and construction subcontractors, mobilization of WUSC and construction subcontractors for improvement of rectified construction and operational issues for improvement, as well as final testing and commissioning of WSS Systems at the end of DLP.
- Complete site-specific BOQs for design completed WSS schemes, as well as ERR and DPR reports for estimate completed WSS schemes.
- Complete the formation of WUSCs to provide support for the construction and management of WSS schemes planned to be constructed in Y3.
- Receive task order proposals from IQC holders, evaluate and select construction subcontractors to start Y3 construction.
- Evaluate expressions of interest (EOI) and choose potential suppliers for the supply and delivery of construction materials in Y3.
- Conduct the remaining eight events on WUSC governance, planning, and management training in MK, LK and Tila Watersheds.
- RFP Evaluation to hire a Training Service Provider for VMW Training.
- Preparation and support in ToT Events for the Subcontractors team.
- Conduct FGD for Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for Dullu FSTP.
- Prepare detailed design report for Dullu FSTP based on the approved conceptual design report.
- Prepare assessment reports of proposed PES sites.
- Conduct four events of OWSC orientation.
- Preparation of a draft report of IWMP.
- Support HIRYSDEC and Watershed Team for the implementation of the community level activities and mass media mobilization under SBC Campaign Challenge Grants.
- Complete the SBC Campaign Challenge baseline survey and visit the communities for monitoring of the field-level interventions and support the process.
- Support the Watershed team for the kickoff of the Water Challenge Community Approach
- Support the Watershed team for celebrating the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against women.
- Revise the WUSC and OWSC training manuals for orientation and capacity-building training based on the learnings from the previous practice.

GESI

- Review and finalize GESI Training contents for LG level.
- Finalize modules and content for the GESI trainings of subcontractors.
- Delivery of the WUSC Governance training with a focus on the participation of the marginalized groups.
- Delivery of the LG level GESI training.

MERL

- Finalize the revised MEL plan for USAID approval.

- Prepare MEL data validation report: detailed engineering survey data, WUSC data, and partner NGO data.
- Finalize a checklist for the monitoring of drinking water schemes, water users' sanitation committees, and capacity building activities.
- PEA field assessment sampling and plan will be developed for each Watersheds to update political, economic, and social changes in the working context.
- Finalize the bi-monthly newsletter and share externally.
- Field visits to capture some of impacts in schools and communities following the construction of water supply and sanitation scheme.
- The learning framework and plan will be finalized and shared with the Activity team for the preparation and documentation process.
